a ſort of diverſion, which, with ſo
miſſion, ſhe thought they might tak
and that was, that each ſhould
late ſome ſtory for the entertainme
of the reſt.

Mrs. Lovewell declared in fav
of this motion, and added, "Th
if the young people would be m
ful in their choice, it might pro
bly contribute to their delight, a
very likely alſo to their improv
ment."

Miſs Lucy having firſt ſtarted t
thought was deſired to ſet the exampl

on which, as ſhe found ſhe had
encouragement of Mrs. Lovewell
all preſent, ſhe proceeded in the
lowing manner:

Somewhere in Weſtminſter t
lived a tradeſman and his wife
good buſineſs, who had a ſon, ca
Billy, an only child, whom all
neighbours obſerved they indu
too much; and yet he was never
better for ſuch indulgence. He
always concerned in ſome unlu
trick, and one time, being ſent
meſſage one ſummer's morning, w

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